

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed Nov. 8, 2005. Claims 39 – 47 were pending, and the Office Action rejected these claims as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In response, the Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the noted informalities, and the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.


If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the below listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, **referencing Attorney Docket No. 353756.00102. A duplicate sheet is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

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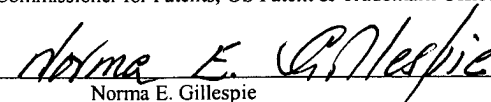
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